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## Out of the President's Hands?

**A**N incredible story about the abortive invasion of Cuba has been published in the *Miami Herald*. If true, it indicates that President Kennedy has much more to be worried about than miscalculations by the Central Intelligence Agency.

If false, the story should be exposed as an effort to undermine confidence in the U.S. government.

The copyrighted article resulted from an interview of an unidentified member of the anti-Castro Revolutionary Council, headed by Dr. Miro Cardona. The council member told *Herald* reporter James Buchanan that President Kennedy "never was informed of the invasion date, and to the end believed it had been left up to us as he had promised it would be."

The source went on to say that the President and the Council had agreed that the anti-Castroes would set a 10-day period

during which the attack would be launched—and that the period was to come after April 27, when the United Nations would not be in session. (The abortive invasion began April 17.)

According to Mr. Buchanan, his source said, "I could have cried for the President when we met with him on Thursday, April 20, and he had to admit to us that our troubles were not of his, or our, making."

It is impossible to arrive at an estimate of the truth or falsity of this story. Perhaps only the President himself and a few of his chief advisers, including CIA director Allen Dulles, know the truth.

But, should the story be accurate, it means that the direction of a crucial act of U.S. foreign policy was improperly taken out of the hands of the President against his express wishes. That is a little too much to swallow.